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C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 1886

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

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1. VISITING AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PAHR WAS PROPER
BUT TO THE POINT IN HIS PUBLIC REMARKS IN MADRID, NOTING
THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAD BEEN "INTER-
RUPTED" IN THE PAST BECAUSE OF IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES
BUT SAYING THEY ARE NOW VERY CLOSE. HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE
AT AND SUPPORT FOR THE DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS "WHICH IS
BEING CARRIED OUT WITH SUCH IMPRESSIVE RESULTS", AND VOWED
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TO WORK FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS IN THE FUTURE. THE FINAL
COMMUNIQUE PROMISED EFFORTS FOR EXPANDED COOPERATION IN
THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL FIELDS, WITH
SPECIFIC EMPHASIS ON TRADE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ONGOING
SPANISH-EFTA TALKS. PAHR CALLED ON KING JUAN CARLOS
AND PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ, AND ALSO MET WITH THE LEADER
OF THE SOCIALIST-INTERNATIONAL-LINKED PSOE, FELIPE

GONZALEZ, A CALL WHICH FOR VISITING SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAS BECOME ALMOST AS DE RIGUEUR AS THOSE ON THE KING AND THE PRIME MINISTER.

2. DOMESTIC POLITICAL INTEREST WAS AROUSED WHEN PAHR WAS QUOTED BY THE SPANISH PRESS AS HAVING SAID GOS OFFICIALS (EVEN SUAREZ HIMSELF) HAD TOLD HIM THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD ON JUNE 5. (THE GOS HAS ANNOUNCED NO DATE, ALTHOUGH THE JUNE 5 DATE IS PROBABLE.) PRE-SUMABLY TRYING TO SMOOTH THINGS OVER, PAHR SAID HE HAD BEEN TOLD NO PRECISE DATE, ONLY THAT THE ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD BY THE END OF JUNE. (A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, CLOSE TO OREJA, SAID PRIVATELY THAT THE AUSTRIAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SPANISH ELECTION DATE WAS ANNOYING BUT HE WAS SURE IT WAS A MISGUIDED EFFORT TO BE HELPFUL.)

3. JUST BEFORE PAHR'S ARRIVAL, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S CHIEF FOR WESTERN EUROPE (DEL PINO) TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE VISIT WAS PART OF THE GOS' EFFORT TO TOUCH BASE WITH "THE PERIPHERY COUNTRIES", NOTING IN THE SAME CATEGORY THE PRIOR VISIT OF THE SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY'S NUMBER TWO AND THE UPCOMING VISIT OF THE IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER. DEL PINO ALSO SAID THE GOS WOULD TAKE THE OCCASION TO STIR THE EFTA POT A LITTLE (FOR A DESCRIPTION OF GOS EFFORTS TO GET MUTUAL TRADE CONCESSIONS WITH EFTA, SEE MADRID 1067 (NOTAL).EATON

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